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Three Principal Dogmas of Christian Church

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(By JUDGE PARISH B. LADD.)

Christianity in all its essential features rests on three united dogmas.

First.—The notion of a dove, in form with a woman.

Second—Issue of that connection, a god in human form.

Third.—Restoration to life after death and burial.

Christianity must stand or fall on the truth or falsehood of these conjoint dogmas.

All visible nature and all human experience negative these dogmas. If true, they can be proven only outside of all our faculties. This, at once, suggests an impossibility; for belief is the result of the exercise of one's faculties, not as the church would have it, blind faith, with mere ducula as a base. To believe, or pretended to believe, the must be in an abnormal condition, out of the channel of mankind in general, inasmuch as no man of normal powers merited. This state of mind may arise from any one of many various causes. Inheritance, natural maturation of brain, moral training, improper food to keep the body in a healthy condition for the reception of truth, environment too powerful to be resisted by weak minds, as it may be the result of overtaxing the mental faculties, or their perversion by the undue influence of others, or by force of preconceived notions.

Now, if the third dogma applies to real, not to outward professed belief in the three cardinal dogmas of Christianity, ecclisis, issue and resurrection after death. No rational sane human being can possibly, by the exercise of the slightest reason, such as belongs to mankind in a normal state, believe in a single one of these three claims. But say our opponents, the world is full of sane christians, even men of great mentality. To which I say, believe and professed belief are quite two different things. It is not necessary to meet the assertion of our opponents, we are confronted with such a variety of circumstances, that to treat them all, would be out of the question.

Real belief, as aforesaid, cannot arise where even a minimum of reason exists in an untrammelled condition. Now for professional belief, and this is all our opponents have to rely on in support of their assertions. That sane men, and even great ones, are Christians.

It may be safely laid down that all men are selfish, even in things where it does not appear to the casual observer waste. What man does for others, is done from self interest, and ego, without this instinct, for it is an instinct, it is nature's only means of the continuous life on our earth. Self preservation is the oldest, first and most vital law of nature; without it our little earth would be a barren waste. What man does for others, the seemingly unselfish, has self at the bottom; he does it because it makes him feel better for the act; he derives pleasure to himself by doing good to others. Clergymen, while many of the numerous types are a distinct exception, inasmuch as there are subversives.

The higher order, know their religion is false, few of them being endowed with conscience, throw off the long worn garments of Christianity, come to the front and brave the storm of tirade heaped on them by their coactors, and enter the lecture field or engage in other pursuits. The next class, like the higher order, see the truth, but failing to see a living outside the old rut, continue repeating old biblical fables, in a half stupor, with a guilty conscience. The next order were born too weak, intellectually, to do other

wrath than to have an only begotten son (without a wife) and have that son killed by a mob. It is the same Bible that says "Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish, and wine unto them that be of heavy heart, let them forget their poverty and remember their misery no more." In other words, get dead drunk. It is the same Bible that represents Christ as encouraging drunkenness by making it as a fair going about making false pretenses, performing fake ministries. It is the same Bible that says to young people that no harm is done provided they marry. It is the same Bible that considers it right or even an honor to lie for God's sake. It is the same Bible that is too obscene to be on a center table in a respectable family, or to be in a school room. It is the same Bible that no man dare send through the United States mails except after covering the Holy Cover or the action of the Devil? cover or the action of the Devil? cover or the action of the Devil?

It is the same Bible that contains better than can be found in office books, papers, and the writings of other nations and religions. It is the same Bible that contains over one hundred well-known contradictions.

It is the Bible that has the redeeming characteristic of not being true; and I venture the assertion that no man or woman of any degree of respectability so religious as to want his son to be like the murderer, the instigator, Lot, the murderer and adulterer David, or the much-married Solomon.

Even the most devout Bible worshippers would not want the unvarnished history of these men read in the Sunday School meetings in the public schools, where all bibles are entirely out of place. Suppose the teacher should read to the scholars the 23rd chapter of Deut; or all about Judah and Tamar, or all about the love-sick maiden, how would you like it?

There are some people who believe in the public schools, because they do not know what it contains, or because their broad and bountiful appetites demand it regardless of the wishes of feelings of others; for they certainly know that the Bible opposes free thought, free speech, free press, freedom, equal rights, progress, and reforms. Religious fanatics are natural enemies to all governments, especially republics, just in proportion to the intensity of their religious狂热.

If the study of the plain principal religious of the world were to be read in the schools, while entirely out of place, would show a degree of fatuity which the resolution of the religious grafters fail to disclose. While prison statistics show that a religious person is eleven times more likely to get into prison than one who is not, and that there are more preachers in the prisons of the United States than any other class, according to their number, it will be money in the pockets of the religious grafters to keep the public schools. So long as religion, liquor and love tend to rob man of his reason and produce insanity common sense would say keep all bibles out of the schools.

Respectfully submitted by one who knows that religious enemies are the worst enemies in the world.

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IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

All Kinds of Bibles Must Be Taught
Or the Government Must Teach
None—Common Sense View of
the Subject.

SOME STARTLING FACTS
ABOUT THE OLD BOOK.

(By A. D. MARBLE.)

The representatives of the "Preachers' Trust" want the Bible read in the public schools of the State, according to the press. In order to deceive the unthinking they call it the "Holy Scriptures"; but it is that same old book that has caused more wars, more hatred, more misery and more checks upon progress than all other books combined. It is the same book that upholds slavery, that sanctions polygamy, that tells the people and packing houses to sell diseased meat; that encourages a strong nation to pounce upon a weak one, gobble up their property and enslave the victims (the Virginians), that considers it right for a man to murder his wife if he should happen to have a different conception from his better half about God; that thing which neither of them knew anything about, the "Santa Claus" of big children. It is the same book that holds up for the admiration of our youth, men and women, if living in this age of civilization would be doing service in the "pen." It is the same book that pictures to the imagination of our children an "all-wise God" making a machine (man) that failed to work as he expected; that he was sorry he made the machine and perhaps cried about it; that it worried him until he got mad about it and he couldn't think of any better way to appease his

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We venture to remind him, however, that there are other restraints. In man society, without troubling the holding of their grain for their class dictated or monopolized price, failing to operate their trust scheme, intelligent capitalist adopted it and successfully operated it, because it can only be operated by intelligence.

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MAN CAN BLAME HIMSELF

For the Social Wrongs Of Which He
So Frequently Complains—Absurd
That Minority Should Oppress
the Big Majority.

REMEDY FOR ALL LIARS
IN HANDS OF WORKERS.

(By GEORGE LEESON.)

Fundamentally all governments are but gambling systems of artificial theories, perpetuated by delusive frauds and ignorant credulity.

The pretended Christian civilization is but narrow-minded, selfish, petty, factions and factors of arrogance, aristocracy, plutocracy, anarchy was usurpation and oppression, which tends to perpetuate the human ignorance of the epoch, such parasitic parasitical institutions to sustain crime, plunder and poverty by their devious guise and feign of Christian civilization.

Under the present monetary system, mercenary control of all official departments of government becomes the prostitute servants of the successful money gamblers, whose oppressive schemers, confuse creation, which culminates in rebellion. Rebels generally modifies or destroys the faith of the people, destroy their spiritual strength and how long many of theistic grabbers would have to be boiled to cure.

While the competitive system is a legalized mercenary, gambling system necessitating all to gamble there often tempting and causing criminal enterprises. As far as it is tolerated by a majority rule and as conditions are always good as the world goes on, it is a more vehement protest against money power and wage slavery, which result not but a repetition of "the poor man's fight for the rich man's gain."

So today, as in 1855, we are facing another crisis, the object of which is to determine whether the relative value of man or the value of things possessed shall determine the character and operations of social systems.

The under current of humanity has again become impregnated with innate sense of self-consciousness that will inevitably culminate in a revolution destined to efface many existing institutions throughout the world. The crisis is the birth of the gauntlet of challenge at every man's door; this is the sense of the hour and cannot be easily disregarded or spurned with contempt.

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SWEET THOUGHT FOR MOTHER

Her Rights May Be Ignored Too
Often Kept Back But Her Loving
Sacrifice Made You What You
Are.

MOTHER NEEDS A
LITTLE TRAINING ALSO.

(By MARGARET E. SANGSTER.)

In the history of every home a period is reached when the mothers stop training the children and the children begin training the mothers. The process of training always involves a disagreeable side of the persons trained.

Mothers arrive by imperceptible stages at the point where they cease to take the initiative and the children take it for them. Occasionally they feel a mild surprise when a grown up daughter calmly advises them to do this or that, or to do the other when there is an interference with their dress, their comings and goings, and when innovations are introduced in the household management.

It happens every day that women by means old, not at all weakened in mind or body, and as thoroughly conversant with affairs as ever they were, simply through granting concessions to their adoring children lose the rank of reigning sovereign to which they are entitled.

"Going down hill needs no exertion; it is just the lightest push here at the top of the hill and off you speed, never climbing back again. Children often hurry mothers out of middle age where they belong to old age where they do not belong."

Thousands of mothers are so busy with housekeeping and bringing up their families that they neglect their reading and their education. The consequence of their college-educated sons and daughters feeling that they are miserably deficient and hardly fit to breathe the same atmosphere with their gifted offspring.

"I stand by the side of the road and gaze at my daughter almost with awe," confessed a mother who had no excuse for such profound humility.

Another, filled with joy and pride at the triumphs of a son whose genius was admitted dwelt continually on the incredible fact that she was regarded with constant affection by one so brilliant and commanding as her boy. This mental attitude is of course entirely wrong and much to be deplored.

Experience has been a richer and more profitable feature to mothers, than schools and colleges have been to their children. The right management of a home imparts to a woman who is responsive and receptive, sympathetic and enthusiastic, something quite as useful as an university education.

I heard not long ago a story that seemed to me full of the sweetest sentiment and the most practical suggestion. A daughter who had been graduated with high honors came home with her diploma and certificate, radiating happiness, becoming intimate with her mother. In the four years of separation the two had drifted a little apart; not in love but in acquaintance with their common affairs that form the staple of life in thought and conversation.

The daughter did not go to her room or hammock and spend hours in study and reading that would have been exclusive, though delightful; but immediately took hold of the daily work with a will. In every possible way she lightened her mother's burden and when after her mother and herself had passed many pleasant afternoons together over the world of culture, the daughter planned a course of study that they might pursue together. Their home was remote from neighbors and they had plenty of time. Resting the inclination to go abroad and find congenial field for study or professional work, the younger woman stayed by the elder and awakened her to a new youth.

The saddest thing in life is to witness the discouragement of a woman who having accomplished her task of educating her children, finds herself solitary and neglected, the victim for her devotion being that she is overlooked while they are absorbed by ambition and their own business or their own relation.

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Light is breaking.

All is not said or done.

Greet each new dawn with a smile.

Freedom has but one, universal meaning.

In Washington's deathless splendor gleams the glory of millions.

Christian souls are necessarily labeled as perishable property.

There's lots of work and little fun in trying to reform the world.

The man in the moon cares not whether we be Baptist, Methodist or Mormon.

It has been unanimously decided that preachers are an abominable nuisance and should be dispensed with.

Religious science is founded on fooleries and stuffed with infinite labor into the fat heads of its dupes.

Members of Congress arrived in Washington ahead of time to avoid paying railroad fare because of the anti-pass law.

Now that scientists are discussing the "disappearance of the blonde types in America" they might look out for a corner in the peroxide of hydrogen market.

Why call man the lord of creation? He is but the idle sport of Time and Space. His yesterday is forgotten and his tomorrow is altogether unknown.

According to the orthodox plan the Almighty is constantly looking for new jobs to afflict with pestilential sores and foul friends. Why it is they do not know but he just simply does it, that's all.

Thorace once said, "You have built a castle in the air! Then put a foundation under it." The sentiment is beautiful and admirably expressed. There is nothing to a man who cannot build an air castle and enjoy it.

It has been well said that in a multitude of counsel there is wisdom and with free discussion upon all subjects we can better guard against the encroachment of power and maintain the modicum of liberty which our fathers bequeathed to us.

The French people have not only abolished the divine right of Kings, but they now deny the divine right of the church. When this notion gets firmly imbedded in the heart of American sovereigns we will no longer exempt the million dollar church from taxation and lay heavier tribute upon the laborer's coat.

If the Christian nations have a duty to perform in the matters of King Leopold and the people of the Congo, how are they to escape a like duty in regard to Emperor William and the Hottentots? The same with England and the Boers? This may be a mighty good time to apply the "square deal" as a standard of international action.

Congregations that can afford to build fine churches and export saving grace to the pagan peoples of foreign climes, can well afford to pay taxes and help the American heathen out of the hole. A million men out of employment pacing our streets in grim despair; a million children reared in ignorance and crime; a million women battling between want and social infamy, and the church still prates that we must give, give, as if the widow's mite is necessary to support a pauper deity.

The anti-mormon crusade is still on. This reminds us that Abraham, Isaac and Jacob lived in an age of general ignorance, yet while accepting the Hebrew patriarchs as God's anointed, the time-serving Christians have hounded and persecuted those who deign to mould their social life by these divine models. It may be true that they had more than one wife, held wrestling matches with angels and washed the feet of the feathered bipeds and we may presume that they had learned how many female bosoms the average pilgrim on the heavenly turnpike might possess, yet it is difficult to imagine the Almighty allowing a sawed-off dude like Solomon to have a full thousand and compel such lusty animals as our modern preachers to confine themselves to but one. Truly, religion is a wonderful party is not dead. Its spirit is as living today as it was in the last decade of the eighteenth century. Its members hate God, they hate Christ, they hate his religion as much as ever their fathers hated them. It is easy to show that I am not misrepresenting the French anti-clericals or their spirit. They make no secret of their hatred of Christianity.

When one considers the bloody pages of history that have been written by this very Christian religion, of which Cardinal Gibbons prates so serenely, he must be commended as being a brave man for giving utterance to such expressions as quoted above. In viewing the situation it is evident that he keeps one eye closed. He protests against the present but endorses and approves the past. Was it not this very religion of Christ that brought into existence the Jacobin party and the French revolution and did not Robespierre, the representative of Christ in that awful period use the Jacobin party to put to death those who did not agree with him, keeping up the bloodshed until it drowned him?

And suppose the French anti-clericals of today have no love for this religion of Christ, have its followers in this, or any other country, any love for the anti-clericals? Can their hatred of religion be any more severe than the hatred of religion for them? Has not this very religion always manifested a rancorous hatred for whatever opposes it. Ah, Gibbons, your plint is tainted with hypocrisy. Your sorrow is caused from the fact that the anti-clericals in France now have the reins of government in their hands and that your church is down and out. Were the situation reversed you would soon show your hatred for the anti-clericals. That hatred would be demonstrated to-day just as it has been in the past. So far as France is concerned the religion of Christ is getting all that is coming to it and all that it justly deserves. France has suffered fearfully at its hands. Now France is determined that no more sorrow shall be laid on its doorstep because of what the religion of Christ can do. It is for this reason that the Cardinal's shoe pinches.

The Blade admires the French government in that it openly shows its hatred of the Christian religion, for the latter has never hesitated to manifest its hatred of those it could not coerce or bulldoze and it is now striking a balance.

Fortunately for the American people, and fortunately for the French government, the American people have a peculiar habit of looking at things in their own way and from the signing of the Declaration of Independence they have refused to look at things the same way as those who are manifestly interested in one view only. So it will be in the present conflict between church and state in the French republic, our people will view it from their own standpoint and if it be the purpose of Cardinal Gibbons to so arouse the religious passions and prejudices of Americans that they can extend financial or physical aid to the adherents of the Vatican in France for the purpose of resisting the edicts of the government, then Gibbons will simply create a cataclysm at home which will engulf and swallow him.

In his diatribe against the French people Cardinal Gibbons unwittingly reveals the motive of the church party in resisting, as they can, the separation law. He says, I will leave life without that part in American love of justice and liberty and humanity which has been my comfort and support and hope during a long career, if I believed that my countrymen (the American people) would knowingly set tens of thousands of honest men and noble women robbed of their just income and means of support and people brutally wounded with all that they hold dearest and most sacred."

Rather a fine play on words, my Dear Cardinal, but they won't stand analysis. It is not only because of our American love of liberty, guaranteed as a constitutional right, that Gibbons has enjoyed the blessed privilege of plying his profession in America with neither let nor hindrance, but it is the hundreds of thousands of American dollars that have been poured into his lap, that have constituted his "support during a long career." This does not apply to Cardinal Gibbons alone, but to every preacher of any church or denomination whatsoever. Stop the flow of sordidness and the preacher, be he Cardinal, or of less degree, will seek another habitat where they find a more golden harvest. It is easy to love both Christ and country on a full stomach, but starving preachers are compelled to resort to divers devices for raising the wind. It is meet and right that Cardinal Gibbons should "love the American people" for they have been exceedingly kind to him. But to proceed.

The Cardinal very frankly states that the French separation act has deprived thousands of men and women, living on church work, of their means of support. Here is where the shoe pinches most. Church workers are non-producers. They are all large consumers. Producing nothing they must needs subsist upon what others produce and they always have a hand extended, with open palm, for a portion thereof. The blade denies that any preacher, of any denomination, in receipt of a salary for simply preaching, is drawing a "just income." He is drawing an income, true, but it lacks the meaning and qualification suggested by the adjective, just. It is not just, but unjust. The preacher takes all and gives nothing in return because he has nothing to give but a string of empty words and meaningless phrases. The blade denies that in enforcing the separation act the government of France is "robbing" any man or woman no matter what their connection or position with the church might have been. The French government has simply prevented that class from long or robbing the people. While these men and women may have been deprived of an income, which, by right, they ought never to have had, they have not been deprived of the right or privilege of following some other and more useful employment which, in the end, will make them more useful and more desirable citizens.

Proceeding further, Cardinal Gibbons rails at the officials and the governmental leaders in France, saying:

"I am weighing my words, and I say with deliberate conviction that the leaders of the present French government are actuated by nothing less than hatred of religion. In France the Jacobin

party is not dead. Its spirit is as living today as it was in the last decade of the eighteenth century. Its members hate God, they hate Christ, they hate his religion as much as ever their fathers hated them. It is easy to show that I am not misrepresenting the French anti-clericals or their spirit. They make no secret of their hatred of Christianity."

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There is one thing of which Cardinal Gibbons can rest assured, namely, that the American people, whether he continues to believe in their love of liberty and justice and humanity, or otherwise, will never lift a hand against the French people to aid the Christian religion whether it be through the Romish church or any other faction. The Cardinal can wear this bouquet on his red hat and call it setted.

SECRETARY SHAW'S POLITICAL ECONOMY.

Every life saved is a national asset.

Every thought stirred into activity is freedom's gain.

The former is the battle cry of the army of industrial freedom and the latter that of the great army of intellectual freedom.

Although striving for different results along different modes of work the two are almost identical, they are allies in the cause of human emancipation and must remain allies from the very nature of things until the ends sought have been accomplished.

Where men are thought bound they wear industrial fetters. Where industry is managed with the chains of peonage there can be no such thing as Free-thought. In all strictly orthodox communities, states or nations, labor is at the lowest ebb, the poor are kept poor that the rich may grow richer. Intellectual liberty is handicapped where the people are kept in servitude to ruling powers no matter their character or conformation.

These are self-evident truths. They need no demonstration. They prove themselves. Human history furnishes abundant examples and these facts are now being noted by thoughtful people the world over and the tocsin sounds vigorously. The man or woman who would save a human life by opening the doors to industrial freedom is denounced as an agitator, a demagogue, a dangerous person. Those who would do and propagate the teachings of Free-thought are made to suffer a social ostracism and in many cases a business boycott is instituted against them. Under such conditions is it strange that the laborer should organize for mutual help and mutual support in the unequal struggle and is it not strange that the advocates of mental liberty do not and will not organize for similar motives? Just as labor learned the secret of organization from capital so do Free-thinkers acquire an object lesson in the value of organization from the results the church have accomplished through it.

In face of all this, as it concerns our national industrial life, Secretary Shaw, of the United States Treasury, declares that we are too prosperous and suggests that if we would prosper we must curtail our prosperity. Prima facie this is illogical, but he declares, as if to prove his contention, "We are growing more crops than we can harvest and market." This paradox comes from one who has occupied the most important and most prominent position in the Cabinet for years. We do not claim to be experts along the lines of industrial problems, nor do we boast a panacea for our industrial ills, but we do know that Shaw is absolutely and altogether wrong, nay, that his statement is actually idiotic.

Did it ever occur to Secretary Shaw that to solve the problems of transportation and distribution would mean the solution of the industrial problem? Did it ever occur to Mr. Shaw that the unequal distribution of crops and crop values, together with the confiscatory charges for transporting crops to market have created the very conditions of which he seems to complain? Did it ever occur to Mr. Shaw that with cheaper rates of transportation our crops could be hauled to any market and sold at a profit instead of loss? Did it ever occur to Mr.

Shaw that the tariff on freight established by the railroad companies for transporting crops multiplies their cost many times? Did it ever occur to him that there are enough idle men in the country to harvest all the crops twice every year if needs be? At the best the ideas of political economy contained in Mr. Shaw's figure of speech is exceedingly hazy. He uses strange logic for a man who claims to have saved the country from financial panic several times during his term of office.

That Mr. Shaw is wrong there is no doubt. There is a plenty of idle labor. Of this there is no doubt. If there is any idle labor in the country the industrial error comes not from growing too much crops. Even if the crops be large railroad building in America has not become a lost art and the car shops can still turn out their products. The best answer to such political doctrines would appear to be first make it profitable for men to live decently by their labor and having done this then to increase and cheapen transportation facilities.

Mr. Shaw would restrict production, which means to lesson the demand for labor. Sound political economy would increase consumption and there would not only be enough work for idle hands to do but an adequate compensation would accrue. The solution of the problem is simply that of transportation and labor. Give both greater freedom.

COURAGE, NERVE AND TOLERATION.

Courage alone conquers.

It is not cheek, or gall, that enables man to pull through a tight place with success, but nerve force.

The greatest and hardest worker, in his particular line, that the world ever produced, was Napoleon, and he suggested that one of the great things the world needed most was courage. Napoleon was right. Courage is needed and when called upon it should be ready. This is a truth that many workers in other fields have discovered for themselves and have applied it with more or less success. About the very best that a worker can have is nerve. It is an asset, however, that depends upon circumstances for it will carry a man through a crisis to success and again he might have succeeded just the same had he been without it. The worker who has the nerve force, the courage to go at it and stick, will always win where the weak and timid will be bound to fail.

One of the troubles with some men is that they confuse nerve with cheek. These prefer the brash about effects of the man who is always shouting about himself, who can elbow his way through crowds, and they have scarcely deigned to notice the quiet, self-contained advance that is made by the man with the real, iron nerve.

Above all never let it be said that you are a quitter. This class never get anything in this world. Any successful man can find times in his own experience when he was tempted to quit on this or that proposition, but held on, stuck to it with nerve and courage, and, finally, success came. There are plenty of men who make it a point never to quit. In this wise man tries to hit the mark. He tries to achieve what he has set out to achieve. In one of the best aids he can have is nerve force. He lets nothing break or impair it. He will not submit to oppression for once his nerve is lost it will never come back with the same strength. Nerve is a thing of steady growth. It does not spring up in a moment like a firefly, gives a flash and is gone. It is there to stay if you will but encourage it. The main idea is to have something to do in life that will make life happier and better and then set out to get it.

Ah, friends, could we but instill these notions into the heart and brain of American Free-thinkers how rapidly our cause would spread. In but a little while it would be more fashionable to be an atheist than it ever was to be known as an orthodox Christian. Principally, we are to blame. Many Free-thinkers lack tolerance. They have permitted the weeds of intolerance sown in childhood to encumber the mind and while demanding freedom of thought for themselves deny the same right to others who have happened to reach just a little further than they. What they need is a nerve tonic and a courage cultivator. Wholesome thoughts will weed out the tares that have crept about the brain and the good seed will have a chance to grow.

Then let us get more nerve, more courage, and these will make us more tolerant of the rights of others.

Once more, courage alone conquers.

Be brave.

PAINE MEMORIAL ISSUE.

The Blade is pleased to announce to its readers that the issue of Sunday, January 27, 1907, will be made a special Paine Memorial issue the better to perpetuate the memory of him who gave old glory to the skies.

Should any of our readers desire extra copies they should be ordered at once that we may print a sufficient number before the type is destroyed. We will send one copy to any address for five cents or six copies for twenty-five cents. This issue will do much to honor the memory of Paine and by a wide distribution will tend to correct so much that has been mis-stated in American history, or left out altogether for suspicious reasons. In order to justify our subscribers in sending for extra copies we give a brief synopsis of what the issue will contain.

There will be a picture of Paine, surrounded by copious extracts from his pen. The data to be furnished will be both historical and argumentative contributed by some of the best known writers on Free-thought in America. Among the contributors will be Thaddeus B. Wakeman, of New York; Mrs. Josephine K. Henry, of Versailles, Ky.; Dr. J. B. Wilson, Cincinnati; John F. Clarke, of Arlington, Md., and small contributions from several other good writers. In addition to these contributions the editorial pages will be devoted to the soldier-author of the American Revolution so that in its

entirety it can be termed a Paine Memorial issued in the strictest sense.

No man has been more misunderstood and misrepresented than was Paine and the more we fail to propagate the truth concerning him the more honor and glory the cause of human liberty will gain. The church denies him common justice. It is a duty to see that he gets it.

All orders for extra copies should reach us no later than January 26 that they may be proportioned in time to send them with the regular edition of the paper. Keep your eye on the Paine Memorial issue.

AUTONOMIST WILL RESUME.

With sincere pleasure the Blade is permitted to announce that the favored periodical and fearless magazine, Armstrong's Autonomist, will be resumed again in January with prospects for a continuing publication.

The Autonomist was ever and always a sturdy champion of human rights and a merciless expositor of frauds and fakes. Its meritorious contributions to say nothing of the writings of its editor, make it a welcome visitor. With improved facilities publication the Autonomist makes a new start and it is deserving the support of every liberal minded man and woman.

The Blade has been requested to give publication to the following official statement, which we quote in this column for the purpose of giving it the attention it deserves:

Armstrong's Autonomist will be revived in January. Send for sample copy now to James Armstrong, 3509 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois. JAMES ARMSTRONG.

COURAGE, LITTLE WOMAN, AND

YOU SHALL SMILE AGAIN!

Many of our readers, special friends of Mrs. Sophie K. Henry, have written us from time to time concerning her, and some of their letters have been published in the Blade Letter Box. To day and all we can but express the hope that she may soon be restored to her literary activity and writings from her trenchant pen be read again.

For the past few years she has been beset with a world of trouble and despair. Thousands will readily sympathize with her and wish for her best. With sickness and even death to contend with, and still beset with difficulties which require a leonine courage to face, she has borne up bravely, and well deserves the admiration of every man and woman in America.

Recently we wrote Mrs. Henry for a contribution to our Paine Memorial issue, mentioned elsewhere, in a letter which contained some valuable articles. Mrs. Henry says:

Dear Mr. Hughes:—The Blade is fine, consider me greatly in my dark days. If I can write you an article on Paine for your Paine issue will do so, but cannot promise, as I don't know what may come to me from day to day. I have passed through so much. Hastily yours,

JOSEPHINE K. HENRY.

The Pope is getting some solar plexus blows in France, Germany and Italy. Ventilate it well. It is one of the great moves of Rationalism. Let the good work go on.

While we did not have Mrs. Henry's consent to publish her letter to us, yet, without any injunction not to do so, we print it for the purpose of showing to her numerous friends and admirers what a bundle of nerve-energy is pent up within that small frame. In spite of her sorrows and suffering she still rejoices in the work of mental freedom and can express real joy at the wonderful changes that are taking place about us every day.

Could we have more women like this brave, fearless and energetic Kentuckian, the world would be made happier and brighter for it.

AT THE VERA DOORS OF THE VATICAN

When a statue to Bruno was erected on the Campo de Fieri, at Rome, within sight of the Vatican, almost upon the very spot where the flames licked out his manly life to afford the black-robed priests a religious feast, it sounded the death knell of Christian tyranny, and from that day to the present its pealing notes have sounded to the uttermost parts of the earth.

Truth cannot be confined in prison walls. It cannot be smothered by the fires of fanaticism. We may break a million harps but music, itself, does not die thereby. A million men may mount the funeral pyre at the bidding of a bloodthirsty faith, their brains may be destroyed, but the thought of the world still goes on and the teachings those men have promulgated march on with wonderful effect. Human hearts are rent but the holy passion of love remains unquenched and unquenchable. So with truth. It is like a mighty ship on the great ocean of Time. It ploughs through the breakers of opposition with every sail set and ribs of iron and steel. It may become stranded and dashed to pieces upon the rocks of intolerance but the fragments will be washed shoreward to every land and in a little while all men rejoice in its possession.

Recently, Dr. Wilson wrote concerning the attitude of Spain towards the Christian religion. Using the language of Caesar, he styled that, "Et tu, Brute," suggesting that an attack upon the fortress of faith was altogether unexpected from such a source. Now we are informed that in Rome, itself, the home of the Pope and within a short distance from the very doors of the Vatican, a demonstration was made by the people of Italy in commendation of the action of the French republic in effecting a complete divorce of church and state. This is an encouraging sign. It means that the yoke of religious domination over matters political, as affecting the people in their daily walks of life, is no longer to be tolerated even in priest-ridden Italy. It is the open sesame of liberty and the dirge of the Christian religion. It means that freedom's intrepid march can never be halted. It means that

the thirst for liberty has passed over the French frontier lines, crossed the mountains of the Alps and penetrated into Italy. Freedom has a peculiar way of making itself at home in any place and when a people have once tasted of its sweets it is never bidden to depart. Old Napoleon once sought to mingle the eagles of France with the eagles of Italy, but he tried it with the shedding of blood, with the grim visor of war. He failed. The era of religious freedom has accomplished that which Napoleon could not do and the French and Italian people are now united with the one purpose, FREEE-DOM.

What a sorry plight for a religion which once boasted so much power and authority! Shaping the policies and controlling the destinies of empires and worlds it must now depend upon the soldiery to protect itself from the maddened hands of those who once feared it. Self-conceit of the wrongs it has perpetrated it loses confidence in itself and must needs depend upon guns and bayonets to keep it from harm. The change has lowered it from a dictator to an absolute dependent. The day of tribulation has been a long time coming, the night of intellectual slavery has been a long one, but Nature works out a balance and in the present conflict religious authority will be overthrown and the natural law of compensation will compel a terrible atonement for the wrongs it has inflicted upon mankind.

From the very character of the situation that now confronts the Christian church it will be impelled to forego the business of saving "souls" and turn to a futile effort of trying to save itself. Loss of power means a falling off in revenues. Decreasing revenues means a slump in the number of proselytizing agitators and advocates it can boast. The logical outcome of it all means the doxology of orthodox religion. True, those whose business or personal interests are wrapped in the cloak of religion will sit up with the corpse and still proclaim to be a living reality. These are simply attending the wake and the funeral will speedily follow. When orthodox religion is dead and damned the principles of eternal justice will take a firmer and stronger hold upon the mind of man.

Freethinkers, let us not be negligent of the opportunity thus presenting themselves. We can aid in the march of progress by handing the torch of reason to our struggling co-laborers in other lands. Let us send them a word of cheer and encouragement and a little while the Vaticcan will be deserted while the statue of Bruno looks on with triumph and scorn.

Could those marble eyes be made to see now those marble lips to speak and that marble heart to feel, what think you would be the message delivered?

Go ye unto all the world and proclaim that blessed liberty for which the priesthood sacrificed my life.

I think! This from the very doors of the Vatican

Every orthodox believer, wise or otherwise, can put it down as settled that the deity has never communicated with man directly or indirectly, that no man has ever seen beyond the veil that shrouds the two eternities, that religious faith is but arrant folly, that God is actually non-existent. Although these are mere fictions of man's imagination he has woven about them a complicated web of ritualism, some beautiful as Arachne's robe, some barbaric and repulsive, and not one of any worth to man. They are but the cheap garments in which the finite world clothe the infinite.

Unless labor is employed, capital cannot increase it can only concentrate, and then comes the danger the menace to industry. We all know that with the aid of wealth-creating machinery every laborer should be able to acquire a competence to comfort in his declining days. We all know that until need is satisfied and greed fully gorged there can be no such thing as overproduction, that under normal conditions when there is a plethora of necessities the surplus energy of the nation turns to the creation of luxuries and this causes the standard of living to advance. Let Secretary Shaw please note.

Freethought is the fruit and flower of our social and industrial life. It would make that life a joy instead of a curse. Between religion and politics men are crushed into penance and he is made to give support and sanction the process. To be free, that is, truly free, the Freethought movement must grow and prosper and our teachings placed before all the people. The Blade is making an effort in that direction, but it is powerless to carry on the labor unaided. In its feeble way it is doing the best it can and would gladly do more if it had the means. An increased and constantly increasing circulation is what we want and we can get it if all will put their shoulders to the wheel. Let us make a hard pull, a strong pull and all pull together.

With the mighty energies of this nation in full play and the wealth permitted to remain with its producers, we could afford to give every candidate an office with plenty to get and little to do, and still keep pie in the pantry and plenty of corn in the crib. There is something more the matter than mere governmental waste and the trouble is with our whole industrial system. Every few years labor gets the jimm-jams and capital finds to cover and yet, according to Secretary Shaw, it is all because of too much production. Rats!

Unbelief in Christian dogma is now publicly recognized as the correlative of education. If there is a logical, well-informed man holding himself as a church communicant today, he is there, not because of the doctrine promulgated by the average pulpit, but despite it, or he may have some personal motive to serve. It is a sad commentary upon all religious faiths, that they flourish best where dense ignorance prevails.

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OUR LETTER BOX

Wm. Quigley.—While regretting your disappointment, yet—"we are the ones who has the right to say, 'no charity.' Thanks for your courtesy.

Anthony O. Neison.—You are right; it is the lack of organization that keeps the movement in check. Your expression of appreciation is truly gratifying.

Louis Roser.—Just wait until some copies scare you on a dark night.

George Leeson.—Your second article caught us in time. We extend our heavy thanks for your kind words.

Henry S. Roberts.—The book has been sent. If the "new man" likes works of travel, he will appreciate what has been sent him.

Tom Swinburn.—Many others took a view similar to that you express, but, happily, that is in the past. We believe that freedom knows no bounds and cannot be restricted by limitations if it is to be enjoyed.

J. G. A. Davies, D.M.—Your article will appear in our column, although the Crayton case has been well discussed. You offer a new thought.

Jackson.—Old atheist, we have caught up with you this time and to get even we have printed your "poem" to Mrs. Henry.

Robert C. Arnold.—There is no doubt that vast changes have been wrought in religious notions during the past decade or two and by the help of our friends the Blade will still greater changes or it will know the reason why.

J. D. Hooper.—Such letters as yours bring both encouragement and cheer in that it states that our efforts are being appreciated. Thanks.

Samuel Brewer—Smother sees have not yet rolled our way, but we firmly believe they are coming and soon. Pamphlets sent.

W. T. Loomis.—Your suggestion is a good one. We have done exactly as you suggest, but it is a difficult matter to allow it up. The work are no place to give even the Blade's editor a chance and we like the fresh air of our newspaper. As a result we cannot keep up the attending church racket every Sunday.

A. J. Bealmer.—It is gratifying to know that we have succeeded in helping you to the extent named. We all love to be in good company.

A. B. Bennett.—Your letter is appreciated and we would be pleased to hear from you more frequently.

WHAT OUR FRIENDS SAY

Roser Rubs It In

Maysville, Ky.—Put me down for a copy of the Moore Book of obituary. All men are born free and equal; but some of them manage to get on the police force afterwards.—LOUIS ROSEN.

Appreciates the Blade.

Cedaredale, Colo.—Enclose \$2.00 P.O. order for Blade subscription \$1.50; New Years compliment to editor, 50c as a token of appreciation of a FREE PRESS, scientifically, morally and politically, conducted fairly, independently, intelligently and impartially by broad-minded PATRIOT OF ALL HUMANITY.—GEO. LEESON.

Worth More To Him.

McConnelsville, O.—Enclose \$1.00 P.O. order for \$2.00, for which apply on my subscription to the Blade. I am well pleased with your paper and will take it as long as I am able to read it. I think it is cheap enough at \$1.50, and it is worth five times the amount to me.

I will write you again in a few days for some more books.

I have finished reading Wilson's "Trip to Rome" for the second time, and I think it is one of the most valuable books I ever read. I wish it could be read by every Christian. You can put me down for a copy of Moore Book if you publish it.—J. D. HOOPER.

Enjoyed Moore's Writings.

Fairmont Castle, Fairmont Springs, B.C.—Enclosed please find 10 cents. Send me five of Wilson's address at the funeral of Capt. Henry. I am always interested in the Doctor's writings. I hope you are sailing along on a smoother ocean. I would like to see the old B. G. & prosperous. It deserves it. You may put me down for a copy of the Moore memorial books. Dear old Bro. Moore. How I learned to love him for his brave honesty. I

am a little older than he was and I had had so many good, hearty laughs when reading the B. G. & and enjoyed his stories. I think we ought to try to perpetuate his memory and I do not know any better way than to put the best of his writings in book form. Wish you and yours a happy Christmas and a prosperous year.—SAMUEL BREWER.

even of a millionaire. Cut me off.—WM. QUIGLEY.

ADAM AND EVE TO THE DUMP

Opinion of the Secular Press Upon the Work of the American Association for Advancement of Science.

(FROM CHICAGO TRIBUNE.)

The American Association for the Advancement of Science . . . has relegated Adam and Eve to the dumping ground of the myths. The curator of the anthropological section of the Field Columbian Museum has just arrived at his majority and is considerably interested in books. He likes books of travel, but he is especially interested in comic books, as Bill Nye, Mark Twain &c. He knows that the holy bible is a book of fables, snake and fish stories and foolish and childlike and impossible miracles that never happened. You will hear from me again soon.—HENRY C. ROBERTS.

Made Him Feel Good.

Hinton, Okla.—I am reading the Blade of December 9 and just read your editorial, "Ingerold and Spiders." Meditate on it and it strikes me that it is only that I want to convert you for it. It appeals to me in substance exactly, especially the last sentence, which reads as follows: "Any person who can swallow these spirit productions need not talk at mireculous conceptions, man-swallowing whale, suns and moons that stand still to permit slaughter, and like ghost stories that have been brought from the infancy of the race." I have some good neighbors that claim to be freethinkers and they believe in spiritualism and they have been trying to convert me to their belief. I tell them "just as I could believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ recorded in the Bible just as easy as I could believe in communication with the spirits. Wishing the Blade success.—A. J. BEALMER.

We Are Under a Shadow.

Shelton, Wash.—Put me down for one of the Moore memorial books. I am sure the book will sell well. The Blade I think is just O. K. Now if we only could form an organization and gather all Freethinkers, Liberals, Infidels or whatever we shall call ourselves under one banner, I think it would be grand. I have one Weinstein's badges and it amuses me to see people looking at it. Some day I will be a quarter of a century old and then I will be a hundred and eighty years old. Every one of us will be a shadow.—ANTHONY O. NELSON.

Blade Has Improved.

Charleston, W. Va.—About a year ago, when Mr. Moore made, what I regard as a brutal attack on Moses Harlan, my admiration for him suffered a collapse. Then Mr. Moore's subjection to my subjection paid off, so I let it run out, pending trial to renew. But Mr. Moore having passed away, and the Blade being thrown open to all subjects of public interest, I have decided to renew for one copy (having been taking two copies) and so enclose the \$1.50. Although missing the poignant remarks of Mr. Moore, I think you have improved the Blade.—TOM SWINBURN.

Moral Superior, But

McGregor, Iowa.—Enclosed find \$3 to make us even to date. I have been taking your elixir vitae during the past ten years and heard testify that my moral health is superb. However, owing to my physical health, health, health watching and uncertainty of life, I must ask you to defer further treatment. But, should I suffer a relapse into frenzied superstition, I will again seek relief if not bankrupt.

No charity for me. I would rather sacrifice my moral integrity for bread—an except a free loaf from the hand

of a Jew. Note the latest quotations: 23 jewels, "SP'L Ry." \$26; "New Ry." 22; "Old Ry." 10; "Jewels" \$16.50, or "Ducher W. Co." 21 jewels, only \$15. Above all in silver-lined screw case prepaid, in 20-year gold-filled case \$3 more, all prepared with guarantee. Buy now! When this war is over you will pay 30 per cent or the dealers' profit!

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FORM FOR A NEW PRAYER

Made In Answer To Secretary Shaw's Remarkable Nation Of Offering Prayer To Subvert National Prosperity.

CEMENT THE BOND OF GOVERNMENT AND MONOPOLY.

(BY DR. T. J. BOWLES.)
In a recent speech at Washington city Secretary Leslie M. Shaw said to his audience:

"To those who still pray; get down on your knees and pray to God to save the country from its prosperity."

In answer to Dr. Shaw's request the following prayer has been suggested by one of the greatest and best men in the United States, and I earnestly advise all praying people to paste it in their hats, and if possible commit it to memory, so as to be in readiness when unexpectedly called to pray in a religious or political assembly:

"O God, we come to Thee at Secretary Shaw's request on our bended knees, and implore Thy mercy. We ask Thee, O Lord, to save the nation from usury, if thou canst not in the plenitude of Thy mercy save this country from us, then we beseech Thee to save us from the country. Thou art aware how yellow journalism hath arrayed the rabble against Thy servants. Behold what they have done to Thy servants, James Hazen Hyde, Richard McCurdy, our Cauncey, and Judge Hamilton, the keeper of the yellow dog. Our names have been dragged before grand juries, and did not Thy faithful servant, John D. Rockefeller, have the time of his life dodging an officer of the law?

"We have been haled to the courts of justice, and had it not been for the immunity bath some of us would have gone to the penitentiary. President Roosevelt now wants to tax our incomes, and did not Corbett tax our incomes to the full limit, to make Roosevelt's calling and election sure? Thou knowest, O Lord, that we have tried to save the country from its prosperity and that we have succeeded fairly well. Had it not been for our hardwork, O Lord, wage earners, farmers and legitimate business men would be living in palaces, like Thy humble servants, and spending their vacations at the seaside, or in Europe."

"They, too, would be pursuing liberty and happiness in comfortable homes and knowing as we do the business of prosperity we could, if possible save the masses from its consequences. Thou knowest, O Lord, that in order to get the riches with which we build libraries, support churches, endow colleges and build universities, it was necessary to crush competitors, underpay our employees, overcharge our customers, own political bosses corrupt courts, bribe officials, gobble up franchises, and buy lawmakers like cattle. All these things, O Lord, we did in Thy holy name. Therefore we ask thee, O Lord, to let the heathen rage and the common people imagine in things. We have done our utmost to save the country from its prosperity, but Thy servant, Secretary S. A. says that we need Thy help to complete the job."

"Therefore we beseech Thee to smile upon us while we subvert popular government, prevent the election of United States Senators by the people, crush municipal ownership, subvert trusts from harm, defuse direct nominations for public office, subsidize the public press, cement the bond between political bosses and private monopoly, loot funds reserved for widows and orphans, and ours shall be a share of the swag, worlds without end. Amen."

BRITISH SKY PILOT

(Continued from page one)

lords of heaven and hell, will take care that he is kept under some control. His "lowest passions" might suggest an act that would lead to twelve years' penal servitude. Surely it might be "worth while" to practice self-restraint if only to avoid that unpleasant experience. We hope the reverend gentleman's head (letting his heart alone) is equal to this simple calculus.—London Freethinker.

Now hear the young men speak for themselves. The rich of a class of students in the Columbia University, New York City, was put to the test not long ago according to the newspapers by the propounding, among others, the following question:

"What difference would the non-existence of God make in your daily life?"

Thirteen of the young men said it would not make the least bit of difference in their daily lives if they had not heard of God.

One bright young fellow was candid enough to say, while admitting there was probably such a being in existence, "If God did not exist he should

feel a greater responsibility for his acts, and have a greater fear of doing wrong."

The words of the young men are in great contrast with the emotions and words made up of the Rev. J. E. Morris. I have heard clergymen in my own country say the same things. Surely, their religious education must have been defective. Goodness should not depend on religion, but religion should be nourished by goodness.

Historically atheists are among the best people in the world—men and women. Adam Smith, author of the "Wealth of Nations," said: "Hume, the atheist, was as near perfect as the faulty of manhood would permit." John Stuart Mill was called the "Atheist." When a clergyman wrote to "Blanks Atheism," what do intelligent men think of his ability and research?

Madison, Ga.

FOUND THE WAGES OF SIN

An Open Gas Jet Tells the Story and the Disgraced Priest With His Parousome Are Found Dead Together.

HAD BUT RECENTLY PREACHED MAN TO HELL

Inginomious death followed the suspension of Rev. Charles S. Quinn from the post of assistant pastor of St. Agnes' Roman Catholic Church, this city. His body and that of Miss S. Kiley, the former housekeeper at the rectory here, were found this morning in a room on the second floor of a house at No. 228 East Eighth Street, New York. Gas was flowing from a fixture used in attaching a heater, but a jet burning just above it indicated that the deaths of the pair had been caused by accident.

Father Quinn was well liked by the parishioners of St. Agnes, but about three weeks ago he was removed by Bishop McPhee, of the Trenton Diocese, because of ugly rumors floating about concerning his fondness for Miss Kiley, the attractive and intelligent housekeeper. Nor was that the sole cause of his dismissal in disgrace. At the funeral services over Quinn's remains, Father O'Farrell, a man of singular character, who had not met the best of lives, the assistant priest said:

"I could not find any record of any body should never have been permitted to enter this church. His funeral services should have been held in a barn."

Scandals of a financial nature were also in circulation and finally a committee of the parish visited Bishop McPhee and Father Quinn's dismissal followed. About a week later Father O'Farrell, pastor of the church, died and disgrace of his assistant, it is said, had much to do with his fatal illness.

Immediately after his dismissal Father Quinn left town and had not been seen since, so that news of the double tragedy caused a big sensation here. Miss Kiley left the rectory about a week ago.

Mrs. Wallace, proprietor of the New York boarding house, said the couple had been at the house since Tuesday evening. The man called at the house last week and inquired about the price of a room for a married couple. When informed that it would be \$4 per week he said that was rather too much for him to pay, as he was a student. He was not seen again until last Tuesday, when he arrived and engaged the room. In the evening he returned with the woman.

The couple carried between them four grips and satchels. In one of the satchels the Coroner found some silverware. These consisted of spoons, knives, forks, ladies, sugar tongs and a few other small pieces. One of the smaller spoons bore the name "O'Farrell."

On a bureau in the room was found a telegram which Father Quinn had sent Miss Kiley, summoning her to meet him in New York.

PULPIT

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"Beyond the mere superficies Christianity has not as yet been taught in the churches and therefore it cannot be truthfully said that Christianity in New York is a failure, because it has never been a fair trial.

"I am not leaving the Church; I am simply seeking to accomplish the mission of Jesus, and I believe an accommodation exists in New York to-day I can do no better outside a church building than in one. In the theatre I have learned there will be a common meeting ground for all the people, irrespective of poverty or riches."

With the preacher is expected to converge the heritage of the past; I believe the preacher should be a prophet, not a parrot, and should contribute both with pen and voice to the moulding of the future. Christi-

anity is animated by a social spirit, but it is a fact of history that the church for full 1500 years, as a whole have been the enemies of the classes.

"I enter upon this new work because I long for freedom which no man can enjoy in a pulpit. The pulpit in America, with here and there a notable exception, is a coward's castle. With my pen and my platform I can, if necessary, preach for the love of it, and I emphatically say that there will never be in any pulpit in America a free expression of honest opinions as long as the consciences of the preachers are held in bondage and thralldom by a paid salary."

PRIEST OF HIS OWN FAMILY

Is the Part That Should Be Played By Every Man—What Happens By One Must Happen To All. The Truth Can Hurt No Man.

STRONG ARTICLE REPRINTED FROM TAMPA TRIBUNE.

The following splendid article has been sent to us for publication. We do not know the author, but as it came from a friend whom we do know, and because of its real merit, the Blade is pleased to use it. It appeared in the columns of the Tribune, published at Tampa, Florida, and it is a good sign of intellectual progress when a newspaper that has to depend upon the general public for support will print such an article. It reads as follows:

"There are many who witnessed the spring match between Teed and Cudby and who thinks they are equally in error to present a few thoughts on that subject. Now that old beliefs are being torn up and so many are saying, 'I deny, I cannot believe,' it may help to settle some questions in the inquiring mind. The writer counts answers from both parties or their followers. He only wants the truth wherever it may be found.

"The universe is infinite both in time and extent. Our most powerful glasses show us about one hundred and fifty million of suns. Photographs as they are taken in a single instant will never be extinct. Nothing can

be created. The labors of all the

"priests" will surely go to waste. No one can conceive of date as the duration of the universe. That in comparison with infinity preceding it, is incomparably less than the wick of an eye in the life of a centenarian, during all of which God existed before he made up his mind to create something, a creator without a creation, an absurdity. God and the universe are to write in English and in German to the world. All other religions are based on the same principle that God is the Son of God, who can beget another God. He is the Illegitimate Son of Panthers a Greek captain in the Roman service (Cleopatra, the Talmud, etc.). He united the Greek idolatry with the Jewish faith. (John Fiske.) In a village where ancestry was known as in Greece back to the age of mythology, he was ridiculous of his boy and girl associates. Feeling his equality, yes his mental superiority, he could not see why lacking the blessing of the priesthood on his parents he was an inferior to the others. Like all other illegitimate he was despised. He claimed to be the laws of the universe and alienated himself with the whole human race. Like all other prophets, except Mohammed, he claimed to perform miracles and his followers believed them same as the Mormons believe in the miracles of Joseph Smith. As to their calling him the 'Son of God,' failing in a lawful Jewish father he was the child of the universe. Such a claim was also the commonest thing in history. Buddha, Hercules, Romulus, Plato, Scipio the Younger, and hundred others. I could name more, but that paternity. We find it among the Hindoos, the Greeks, Romans, Japanese, Aztecs, Mayas, Apaches and even the Esquimaux. In fact it is pretty hard to find a people that had none such. They were about as common among the Greeks, Romans, Japanese, Aztecs, the United States. History has a record of over 2000 prior and since Jesus who claimed to be the Messiah, the anointed, which the word Christ means in Greek. Illinois in our own times has produced two Christies, Schermerhorn and Teed, two priests, Joseph Smith at Nauvoo, and Bob White III at Zion, and one John the Baptist who goes around the streets of Chicago every day bearing a sign to that effect. There is another Christ now in London.

This is all. It is the result of over 40 years study of all the religious systems of the world and all its schools of philosophy and living in Catholic, Mohammedan, Buddhist and Mormon countries as well as hearing Dowie and Teed, and living among tribes

most give him the attributes of absolute wisdom and justice. If of all human beings who have inhabited this globe since man first walked erect one ever has, and the sufferings of this short life, circumscribed by his animal nature and its workings through the mind all derived from defective ancestors, been condemned to eternal torment, he is not a God but a monster fitly represented by the hideous South Sea idols. Eternity is a long time. "A good man living or dead has no cause to fear the Gods." (Socrates.)

If God has those attributes of absolute wisdom and justice he never condemned all the gentiles, nor did he condemn the pagans, the Adamic and Christian to punishment for a trifte. And all the Jews and Pagans from that time to this, even the crimes for cruelty of Nero would be of feather weight in comparison. I have never seen the individual deserving the thousandth part of such punishment. What happens to one happens to all. "Anything so common and so universal as death is neither to be feared nor shunned." (Marcus Aurelius.) Nor is it the case of absolute wisdom and justice to be swayed. He

of nature, having varied a hair's breadth, influences were and are impossible. Consequently prayers, gifts, processions, beating of tom-toms and shaking of rattles are unnecessary.

Also priests. Every man should be the priest in his own family. If he to pay his money to some one to feel himself incapable and is willing to let him in the way of wisdom, let him do so. If he robes his family or himself of the comforts of life as is a fire insurance in the next world he is foolish. Pausaas says in his "Description of Greece," that over one thousand temples at Aegina were dedicated to the sun-god. "It is not to be wondered over that the sun-god is the most popular deity in Greece." Over one thousand temples in Greece were dedicated to the sun-god. The high priests of the true religion are such men as Archimedes, Galileo, Buffon, Newton, Darwin, Pasteur, and other scientific men. Those who took nothing for granted in their hunger for the truth. Thucydides, however says that the mass of mankind wants anything but the truth.

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without any definite religion. I ask no one to change his sect on this account.

If one has found tranquility of mind in Salt Lake, Rome, Dowie's Zion or Teed's Estero I would advise him to stay there. But if like me he has no definite religion, I advise him to search for one. I must search his own soul to see whether he is living according to the laws of nature, or not. He must draw his own conclusion but the suicide is the coward forsaking the field of battle. I will say this however:

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